



# Blooming Saint Paul Newsletter

## City of Saint Paul, Division of Parks and Recreation

### April 2007

Welcome to the Blooming Saint Paul Newsletter of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation. This newsletter appears twice a year to inform groups involved in city gardens about activities and opportunities in Saint Paul parks. Subscribe to an e-mail version of this newsletter at [http://service.govdelivery.com/service/document.html?code=STPAUL\\_432](http://service.govdelivery.com/service/document.html?code=STPAUL_432)

#### Spring Parks Clean-Up April 14, 2007

Every year Saint Paul Parks and Recreation hosts an Annual Spring Parks Cleanup. During this event volunteers remove litter from Saint Paul's Parks and Recreation Centers. In the last 20 years, over 54,000 volunteers have removed over 390,000 pounds of trash and recyclables during the Spring Parks Clean-Up. Without the help of volunteers, trash accumulates in natural areas harming wildlife, polluting lakes and rivers and detracting from the beauty of our community.

The 2007 Spring Parks Cleanup will kick off at seven parks and recreation centers across Saint Paul. Enjoy breakfast refreshments, pick up trash bags and gloves, and enter to win prizes at the kickoffs.

Interested in volunteering to clean up our parks? Call 651-266-6458 and leave a message or email us at [environment@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:environment@ci.stpaul.mn.us)

#### Saint Paul Pioneer Press Donations

We would like to thank the Saint Paul Pioneer Press Newspaper for its donations to the many programs listed in this newsletter. The Pioneer Press has donated column space for the Spring Parks Cleanup, safety vests for Youth Job Corps participants, funds and ad space for the Golden Bloom Awards and banners downtown for the Blooming Saint Paul initiative. Many thanks to the Saint Paul Pioneer Press for all the contributions to make Saint Paul beautiful.

#### Gerten's Greenhouses Donation

Saint Paul Parks & Recreation has been working closely with the marketing firm Intemark to obtain a donation from Gerten's Greenhouses. We are pleased to announce that Gerten's is donating seasonal flowers and plants for the downtown area; including the window boxes, planters and urns around City Hall. Plants are also being donated for the Wabasha Bridgehead plantings and along Kellogg Boulevard median. A BIG thank you to Gerten's for a generous donation worth thousands of dollars.

#### Art In Bloom

Look for Parks and Recreation's award winning Horticulture Staff to have another entry in the Art In Bloom competition at the Minneapolis Institute of Art

April 26 – 29, 2007. Visit [www.artsmia.org/art-in-bloom](http://www.artsmia.org/art-in-bloom) or call (612)870.3045 for event information. Last year our entry swept the Art in Bloom awards. Please come to this FREE and fun event.

#### MNLA Professional Certification

Congratulations to Horticulture Staff Angie Koebler & Mark Granlund on their recent Professional Certification through the Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association (MNLA). They join fellow staff member Danielle Pratt, who was previously certified. The MNLA is the state's largest green industry trade association with more than 1,500 member businesses. The MNLA Certified Professional program upholds, improves, and promotes standards of professionalism and excellence within the green industry.

#### Future Projects for 2007

The Blooming Saint Paul program is working with several groups along **Rice Street** to beautify the community as Public Works is re-building the sidewalks, curbs and lighting along this great street. Plan on seeing 32 beautiful hanging reservoir baskets this summer. Plant material for the baskets was generously donated by Linder's Greenhouses and Garden Centers. Thank you Linder's for your donation.

The Blooming Saint Paul program is again partnering with the Saint Paul Garden Club to develop a possible **destination garden** in Saint Paul. Talks are preliminary at this point, as information and interest is gathered for the project.

#### The City of Saint Paul & the Saint Paul Garden Club - Golden Bloom Awards

The 2nd annual Golden Bloom Awards ceremony was held January 22, 2007. The affair was hosted by Parks and Recreation Director, Bob Bierscheid. Awards were handed out to winners by Mayor Coleman, Council Member Dave Thune and Saint Paul Garden Club President Ellie Bruner. This year there were 95 nominations, a 33% increase from last year. The gardens were judged the second week of August by a dozen Ramsey County Master Gardeners. Many thanks to Jan Morlock, Katie Potter and the Ramsey County Master Gardeners. Many thanks to the Saint Paul Pioneer Press for their support.

## 2006 Golden Bloom Award Winners

### Environmental

Golden Bloom	Irvine Hill Condominium Assoc.
Silver Bloom	Hamline Midway – Tree Team
Bronze Bloom	Friends of Horton Park

### City Property

Golden Bloom	Summit Monument Garden – Marge Hols and Jeanne Weigum
Silver Bloom	Amy and Mark Ireland – Hamline Park
Bronze Bloom	Public Gardens Comm. of the Garden Club of Ramsey County
Good Gardener	Karen Wargo, Fr. of Wacouta Commons

### Art in the Garden

Golden Bloom	Philippe & Lynn Gallandat
Golden Bloom	Maureen and Ira Adelman
Silver Bloom	Sarah Benedett's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Class, Highwood Hills Elem. School

### Community Vegetable Garden

Golden Bloom	Midway Greenspirit Garden
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### Volunteer Award

Golden Bloom	John McDermott
Silver Bloom	Hamline Midway Environmental Group
Bronze Bloom	Saint Paul Jewish Community Center

### Business/Institutional

Golden Bloom	College of Saint Catherine – Mary Aguilar
Silver Bloom	Children's Hospital and Clinics – Laura Morrill
Bronze Bloom	Union Gospel Mission
Bronze Bloom	Saint Paul Hotel – Sara Radman
Good Gardener	Gardening on the Avenue – Hamline Midway Environmental Committee, Highland Nursery, Larpenteur Villa Apartments, Geri Bjork, Saint Vincent de Paul Church, The Golden Rule Building, First Baptist Church/9 <sup>th</sup> Street Lofts, 375 Jackson Building, Boca Chica Taco House, Java Train, Capital Bank, Bradshaw Funeral Home, the Klub Haus, Rice Street Library, KFC – Rice Street, Rice Street Clinic

### Residential

Golden Bloom	Linda Bohn – 1426 Osceola
Silver Bloom	Tim Finnegan – 1565 Alameda St.
Bronze Bloom	Fran Scibora, Roger Elling, Joe Sheryak - 767 Winslow Ave.
Good Gardener	Nancy Hedquist, Darella Carlson, Diana Thorne Lund, Stanza Guion, Sam DiVita, Alice Menge, Alexander & Laurie Biehn, Karon Schmitt, Elaine Shriver & Bob Stevens, Peggy Thomason, Patty Meyer, Tony & Barb Grudt, Jo & Nels Scheuermann, Frank & Eileen Herbst, Jim & Marge Larson, Carol Buhl & Brian Schaffer, Robert Butterbrodt & Margaret Marrinan, Jane Amberg, Maria & Raymond Gomez, John Wlaschen & Betsy Kershaw, Richard & Karen Wargo, Doug & Penny Grev, Bill & Diane Dunnigan, Joan Sorenson & Wayne Jennings, Phil Davies, Michael Anderson, Marge Hols, Bill and Jean McCloud, Linda Bohn, John & Jackie Flaherty, Robert Schmidt, Kris Robinson, Linda MacRunnels, LeRoy Bravo, Martin Blanco, Kim Knudson, Jeanette Krueger, Philippe & Lynn Gallandat, Tom Decker, Benjamin Meents & Jodi Boerner, Catharine Reid, Pauline McQuillan, Molly Rosenberg

### Gardening Advocate

Marge Hols

## Summer Jobs

There are several summer positions open for working in Saint Paul's public gardens:

**Youth Job Corps** - This summer, the Blooming Saint Paul program, once again, will hire youth from the Saint Paul Youth Job Corps. Forty students, ages 14 – 21, work 20 – 25 hours a week from mid-June to August 31. There are income requirements for participation in this program. Have students contact their school counselor for information.

**Youth Job Corps Leaders** – We are hiring 6 supervisors to run our youth gardening crews. Positions are 32 – 40 hours a week at \$10.00 an hour. Candidates must have a driver's license, some experience working with youth and experience/degree in a related field. If you, or someone you know, are interested, contact Lead Landscaper, Angela Koebler at (651) 632-2441.

**Park Worker I** – We are hiring staff to water and maintain the downtown and neighborhood gardens. Responsibilities include assisting in preparing and maintaining flower beds, hanging baskets and planters throughout the park system. If you, or someone you know, are interested, contact Lead Landscaper, Angela Koebler at (651) 632-2441.

## Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to volunteer to maintain a garden, park or natural area in Saint Paul, contact our Park Steward program at [651-266-6458](tel:651-266-6458) or go to our website at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/depts/parks/environment/volunteer/>

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